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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, lines 9 to 18, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

Specifically, the material of the joining metallic intermediate layer can be also the well known austenitic nickel steel alloys containing more than 20.0 wt% or nickel and the possible combinations of the known austenitic chromium-nickel alloys containing typically 18 wt% of chromium and 8 wt% of nickel. The other possible option for the composition of the intermediate layer is the known austenitic manganese alloys like, for example, the Hadfield Steel with more that than 12 wt% of manganese content.

Page 11, lines 13 to 22, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

The multilayered steel armour in this (third) example also represents the alternative implementation of the multilayered steel armour of the type introduced in the example 1. The difference is in a different composition of the joining metallic intermediate layer  $\underline{3}$  joining the armour layer  $\underline{1}$ ,  $\underline{2}$ . The material of this layer  $\underline{3}$  is the austenitic steel with a face-centered cubic crystalline lattice (FCC lattice) structure containing 12.5 wt% of manganese, 1.3 wt% of carbon, 0.4 wt% of silicone while the rest is iron, other accompanying elements and usual impurities.

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Page 13, between lines 21 and 22, replace the topic heading with the following new topic heading.

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